

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Applicants have amended claims 8, 9, 24, 25, 38, and 41-45. Applicants have also amended paragraphs 1008-1010, 1021, and 1037 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 17-19, 22-25, 38, and 41-45 are currently pending in the application.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3, 6-9, 17-19, and 22-25 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for informalities. Applicants have amended paragraphs 1008-1010, 1021, and 1037 of the specification as required by the Examiner to obviate the objection. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed. For example, the specification discloses in paragraph 1021 that a memory 208 comprises one or more electronic memory components, such as ROM, RAM, EEPROM, flash memory, or the like. The specification and FIG. 2 of the drawings further disclose that memory 208 tangibly embodies a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus, i.e., a processor 204 coupled to memory 208. The specification also discloses in paragraph 1037 that a memory 308 comprises one or more electronic memory components, such as ROM, RAM, EEPROM, flash memory, or the like, and that memory 308 may store executable computer instructions (i.e., a computer program) for use by a processor 304 coupled to memory 308. In other words, each of memory 208 and memory 308 constitutes a computer readable storage medium. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 38 and 41-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 38 and 41-45 to recite a "computer readable storage medium" to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the § 101 rejection of the claims.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 38 and 41-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended claims 38 and 41-45 to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

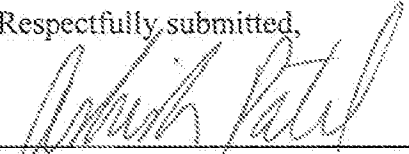
CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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